

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of securing the channel by a QoS manager in an *ad hoc* network having a contention protocol including a normal priority resolution period having multiple priority resolution slots therein, wherein the contention protocol includes plural contention state slots, and wherein plural devices contend for transmission time on the network by transmitting priority resolution symbols during a priority resolution period, including defining a QoS manager constructed and arranged to compete with the plural devices on the network; and providing an extended priority resolution slot for transmission of a priority resolution symbol at the end of the normal priority resolution period.